

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 24 are amended. Support for the amendment is provided at least at paragraphs [0037-0041]. Claims 1, 8, 14, 18 and 22 are the independent claims.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to further distinguish over the cited reference. Because the newly recited features of claim 1 *have not previously been considered and would likely be considered new issues requiring further consideration and/or search*, Applicant has filed this Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to ensure consideration. Any subsequent Office Action other than a Notice of Allowance or Quayle Action should be **Non-Final**.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Maupin et al. (U.S. 5,689,548, hereinafter "Maupin"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

Independent Claim 1

~ Applicant has amended claim 1 to further recite "receiving, at an emergency service entity, a wireless call back number from a mobile station controller servicing the at least one wireless unit, the wireless call back number corresponding to at least one tag identifier." Support for this feature is provided at least at paragraphs [0037-0041] and FIGS. 1 and 2 of Applicant's specification. In addition, Applicant has amended claim 1 to further clarify that the emergency service entity receives a "wireless call back number" and "the at least one tag identifier" from a

PSAP, and the emergency service entity transmits the “the wireless number call back number corresponding with the at least one tag identifier in response to receiving the at least one tag identifier” to the PSAP.

Applicant submits that Maupin does not disclose or fairly suggest the “receiving” and “transmitting” step of claim 1 because Maupin does not contain an emergency service entity. Rather, in Maupin, a serving MSC transmits a directory number assigned to the serving mobile switching center and an MSISDN number stored in the generic address parameter (GAP) to the PSAP. When the PSAP attempts to call back the mobile station in response to a disconnection, the PSAP transmits a signal with the received MSC directory number as the called party number, and the MSISDN in the GAP to the MSC. See Maupin, Abstract, Figure 1. At most, Maupin discloses only the PSAP and the MSC, not an emergency service entity. Therefore, Maupin cannot disclose the “receiving” and “transmitting” steps of claim 1. Accordingly, Maupin cannot anticipate claim 1. Claims 14, 18, and 22 contain an “emergency service entity” similar to claim 1, and therefore are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above, as well as their own merits.

Independent Claim 8

The Examiner asserts that Maupin discloses the “transmitting” step recited in claim 8. Applicant disagrees. Claims 8 recites “transmitting to the emergency call register and a public safety answering point call center at least one tag identifier from a mobile switching center associated with the at least one wireless unit in response to the emergency call from the at least one wireless unit.” (Emphasis Added). Maupin does not disclose an emergency call register. Rather, Maupin discloses a register associated at most with the MSC. Therefore, Maupin cannot anticipate claim 8.

Claims 2-7, 9-13, 15-17, 19-21, 23-27, dependent on claims 1, 8, 14, 18 and 22, are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above, as well as their own merits. The Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection to Claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

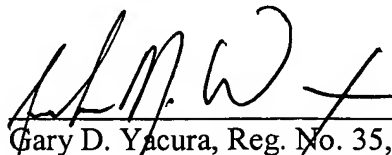
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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